

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 80-75

Introduced by Council President Hardwicke at the request of the County
Legislative Day No. 80-25 Date September 9, 1980 Executive

AN EMERGENCY ACT to add new Division 8.A, Sections 2-198.1 through 2-198.6, generally heading, Harford County Area Agency on Aging, to Article 12, heading, Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Committees, to Chapter 2, heading, Administration, all of the Harford County Code; to provide for the establishment of an Area Agency on Aging in Harford County and an Area Agency Advisory Council; to provide for membership terms, powers, duties, functions and objectives of the Agency and the Council; to provide for an Agency and Council which shall develop and administer the area plan for a comprehensive and coordinated system of services for the older persons in Harford County, Maryland; and generally relating to the establishment of an Area Agency on Aging and Council in Harford County, Maryland.

By the Council, September 9, 1980

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled
on: October 14, 1980
at: 7:00 P.M.

By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on October 14, 1980 and concluded on October 14, 1980.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 Section 1. *Be It Enacted By The County Council Of Harford County,*
2 *Maryland,* that new Division 8.A, Sections 2-198.1 through 2-198.6,
3 generally heading, Harford County Area Agency on Aging, be, and
4 they are hereby added to Article 12, heading, Agencies, Boards,
5 Commissions and Committees, of Chapter 2, heading, Administration,
6 all of the Harford County Code, all to read as follows:

7 CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION.

8 ARTICLE 12. AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES.

9 Section 2-198.1. Harford County Area Agency on Aging; Created;
10 Purpose, Function.

11 (a) The Harford County Area Agency on Aging is hereby
12 established within the Department of Community Services.

13 (b) The Agency shall have as its purpose to develop and
14 administer the area plan for a comprehensive and coordinated system
15 of services for the older persons in Harford County, Maryland.

16 (c) The Department of Community Services is a multi-purpose
17 agency with the authority and capacity to administer human services
18 in Harford County. It shall delegate all its authority and
19 responsibility in this area to a single organizational unit in the
20 agency, known as The Area Agency on Aging.

21 Section 2-198.2. Staffing.

22 (a) The Harford County Area Agency on Aging shall consist of
23 a director and an adequate number of qualified staff.

24 Section 2-198.3. Powers, Responsibilities and Duties.

25 The Area Agency shall:

26 (a) Monitor, evaluate, and comment on all policies, programs,
27 hearings, levies, and community actions which affect older persons.

28 (b) Conduct public hearings on the needs of older persons.

29 (c) Represent the interests of older persons to public
30 officials, public and private agencies or organizations.

31 (d) Carry out activities in support of the State administered
32 long-term care ombudsman program.

1 (e) Coordinate planning with other agencies and organizations
2 to promote new or expanded benefits and opportunities for older
3 persons.

4 (f) Develop and administer an area plan for a comprehensive
5 and coordinated service delivery system in the planning and service
6 area, in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

7 Section 2-198.4. Budget.

8 (a) The Area Agency shall prepare and submit to the County
9 Executive a budget to include the recommended appropriation for its
10 operation.

11 Section 2-198.5. Reports.

12 (a) The Area Agency shall annually report to the County
13 Executive and the County Council on the activities of the Agency
14 for the preceding year and on the status of older persons in
15 Harford County.

16 Section 2-198.6. Area Agency Advisory Council, Functions,
17 Compositions, By-Laws

18 (a) The Council must advise the Agency to

- 19 (1) Develop and administer the area plan;
20 (2) Conduct public hearings;
21 (3) Represent the interests of older persons; and
22 (4) Review and comment on all community policies,
23 programs and actions which affect older persons.

24 (b) The Advisory Council must be made up of

- 25 (1) More than 50 percent older persons and include
26 (i) Older persons with greatest economic or social
27 needs; and
28 (ii) Participants under this part.
29 (2) Representatives of older persons;
30 (3) Local elected officials; and
31 (4) The general public.
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1 (5) The County Executive shall appoint the members and
2 shall designate one (1) member as chair.

3 (c) The Council must meet at least four (4) times a year.

4 (d) By-Laws. The area agency must develop and make public
5 By-Laws which specify the role and functions of the Advisory
6 Council, number of members, procedures for selection of members,
7 term of membership, and the frequency of meetings.

8 (e) The members of the Council shall receive no salaries but
9 shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the
10 performance of their duties.

11 Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that this Act is hereby
12 declared to be an Emergency Act, necessary for the governmental
13 function of Harford County and the operation of a County Agency
14 and shall take effect on the date it becomes law.

15 EFFECTIVE: October 15, 1980

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17 *The Secretary of the Council does hereby*
18 *certify that fifteen (15) copies of this bill*
19 *are immediately available for distribution to*
20 *the public and the press.*

21 Angela Markowski *ap*, Secretary
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BY THE COUNCIL

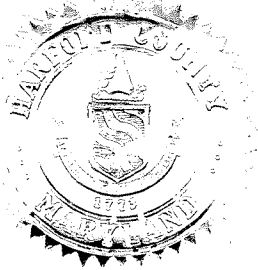
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Passed LSD 80-28 (October 14, 1980) ~~(with amendments)~~~~Failed on Passage~~

By order

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
for his approval this 15th day of October, 1980
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

William Perry
County Executive
Date October 15, 1980

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 80-75), having been approved by the Executive
and returned to the Council, becomes law on October 15, 1980.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Rec'd & Recorded 3-4 1981 at 1:00 P.M.
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H. Douglas Chilcoat, Clerk, Harford Co.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 1980